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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, US, GW

SUBJECT: ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN US

REFS: (A) STATE 205859; (B) BONN 14110

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FONOFF LEGAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER AUGUST 29 TO CARRYOUT INSTRUCTIONS REF A. EMBOFF AGAIN EMPHASIZED US INTEREST IN QUICK COMPREHENSIVE FRG REPLY TO QUESTIONS POSED IN JULY 14 NOTE AND REQUESTED INFORMATION DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. SCHIRNDING (DEPUTY OF STROTHMANN WHO UNAVAILABLE SINCE HE DEPARTS TODAY TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN GENEVA) EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF THAT FRG FULLY AWARE OF AND APPRECIATES US DESIRE FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN JULY 14 NOTE. HE REPEATED STROTHMANN'S ASSURANCE GIVEN AUGUST 28 (REF B) THAT REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY ACTION OFFICES, WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE NECESSARY RESEARCH TO PRODUCE REPLY. WHEN PRESSED

FOR ESTIMATE OF TIME YET REQUIRED, HE AVOIDED SPECIFIC
REPLY, SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE A "GAMBLE" TO GUESS
SINCE RESEARCH WORK MIGHT LEAD TO AVENUES WHICH MUST
BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED BEFORE US REQUEST COULD BE
COMPREHENSIVELY ANSWERED.

3. REGARDING QUESTIONS REF A, SCHIRNDING SAID HE WOULD
BE GLAD TO DISCUSS FRG-SOVIET AND FRG-EE COOPERATION
IN SIMILAR CASES BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FEW DAYS TO
REVIEW HIS FILES. HE AGREED TO MEETING MIDDLE OF WEEK
OF SEPTEMBER 1. IN GENERAL COMMENTS ON SUBJECT, HOW-
EVER, SCHIRNDING CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF EVIDENCIARY
INFORMATION FROM USSR, CSSR AND POLAND, INCLUDING
DEPOSITIONS. HE SAID THE QUALITY OF THE MATERIALS
OBTAINED FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES VARIED, AND INDICATED
THAT SOME WAS AT VARIANCE WITH EVIDENCE HELD BY FRG.
SCHIRNDING SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO INSTANCES OF
WITNESSES COMING FROM EE COUNTRIES OR FROM USSR TO
PARTICIPATE IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN FRG.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT SOONEST DETAILS OF FOLLOW-UP
DISCUSSION WITH SCHIRNDING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK.
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